



April 10, 2018

Christine Knapp, Director of the Office of Sustainability

Dear Ms. Knapp,

Green Justice Philly (GJP) and allied groups are excited about the City's momentum toward increasing renewable energy in Philadelphia. Our groups support the Office of Sustainability's (OOS) commitment in its Clean Energy Vision to lead by example so that other large electricity customers such as universities, medical facilities, businesses, and cultural institutions in the city will be encouraged to advance a just transition to renewable energy. To demonstrate leadership, OOS should take the following actions by June 2018:

- Select an energy supplier and project - ideally as close to Philadelphia as possible - for the renewable energy power purchase agreement it is currently reviewing bids for. Ensure that the Economic Opportunity Plan in the contract is fully enforced.
- Complete and publish the analysis of all City-owned roof space, assets, and other properties in the region available for siting solar panels.
- Release a new Request for Proposals for an on-site renewable energy power purchase agreement within the city.
- Convene large institutions in Philadelphia to discuss collectively or individually entering into renewable energy power purchase agreements.

We believe that these steps represent the low-hanging fruit recommended in OOS' Clean Energy Vision and that they are all possible to achieve in a short timeframe. As the city expends resources to advance solar development in the region, Mayor Kenney and the Office of Sustainability should ensure that Philadelphia residents and the local market benefit as much as possible. To do that, we urge Mayor Kenney to make the commitment that by 2020, the City of Philadelphia will generate at least 30% of the electricity used in government-owned buildings, departments and street lights from solar projects in the five county region, including installations on City-owned buildings and property and on properties in under-resourced neighborhoods. The City should ensure that the jobs created by solar development spurred from this pledge will go to Philadelphia residents, with a commitment to ensuring the workforce reflects the racial demographics of the city as closely as possible and are under union conditions (fair wages, benefits and working conditions). We look forward to seeing OOS demonstrate strong leadership on this issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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